

Hawaii's Polluted Runoff Control Program's Annual Report 2001

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Overview

Hawaii's Polluted Runoff Control (PRC) program continues to move toward the goals and objectives set in "Hawaii's Implementation Plan for Polluted Runoff Control." In Fiscal Year (FY) 2001, the program has been successful in efforts to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) nine key elements.

The program is responsible for the administration and management of Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319(h) grants for FY 1996 through FY 2001. Under these grants, the program manages over thirty (30) project contracts throughout the year. The projects assist the program in reducing and controlling nonpoint source pollution throughout the state. In FY 2001, the program was also successful in contracting Unified Watershed Assessment projects using incremental funding from FY 1999, which was an unsuccessful endeavor in previous years.

During FY 2001 the program was involved in more than thirty (30) public outreach and education events. These events range from Keiki Water Festivals for elementary school children, presentations to college classes, and all day events for families. Thousands of Hawaii's residents have been exposed to some of the basic messages of the program; polluted runoff



The state of Hawaii's tourism industry is dependant upon clean beaches and ocean water for recreation and aesthetics.

is harmful to our islands' natural resources, polluted runoff stems from a variety of sources, and there are many ways people can assist the state in preventing and controlling polluted runoff. Information was passed on to interested individuals through brochures, posters, coloring books, trash bags, videos, pencils and window stickers. Another exciting educational tool that was utilized by the program this FY, for the first time in several years, was an Apoha picture frame. This picture frame was used to frame Polaroid pictures that were taken of Apoha and children at various public outreach events. Inside the picture frame is information on non-point source pollution.

Partnerships are critical for the program to meet our objectives. We continue to build on the partnerships established in the past and look for new partners willing to work together where we can identify common goals.

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Special points of interest:

- EPA awards the state \$1,408,289 in FY01
- NPS rules development will change the nature of the program
- State addresses water quality problems in Category I Watersheds